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War and Education.

The war in the East emphasizes the educational feature of the modern newspaper. Readers of such a paper as The Times-Dispatch are daily provided with all sorts of information concerning the far East and the Eastern situation. Maps are printed, showing the scene of action and the various strategic points, together with all sorts of statistical matter in regard to the relative strength of Russia and Japan.

Our readers have already become familiar with many prominent Russian and Japanese names, unpronounceable as they may be, names of places and names of diplomats and military commanders. They have been informed concerning our treaty with Japan; concerning the treaty between Russia and France, on the one hand, and Japan and England on the other. They have been familiarized with the points in issue between Japan and Russia; they have been told about the importance of Manchuria to Russia, in furnishing an outlet for the Siberian Railroad. They have been informed of the importance of Korea to Japan, because of Japan's enormous commercial interest there, and they understand why it is that Japan is fighting to prevent Russia from monopolizing Manchuria and taking possession of Korea, which would not only deprive Japan of her trade on that peninsula, but would put Russia in command of the entire situation and make her a constant menace to the entire Japanese nation.

Their attention has been drawn to our trade interests in the East, and they understand why Secretary Hay insists upon the preservation of the neutrality and integrity of the Chinese Empire, no matter which way the war shall issue. In short, they have in this brief time, if they have studied the newspaper reports, learned valuable lessons in geography, in history, in diplomacy, in war strategy and in international law.

Ten years ago few people in the United States knew anything about the Philippine Islands, and many of them knew little of Spain or Cuba, except in a general way. But a few days after Dewey sailed into Manila Bay and destroyed the Spanish fleet, newspaper readers well understood the history and geography of the Philippines, and Spain and Cuba became as familiar to them, well nigh, as one of the States of the Union.

Whenever there is a crisis like this; whenever there is war, or whenever there is a disaster like the eruption of Mount Pelee, the newspapers at once become a great school, in which the people may learn valuable lessons, and practically all that is needed to be learned, without reference to text-books or encyclopedias. The press is pre-eminently a great educator, and is fairly entitled to be reckoned as part and parcel of our public school system.

Sympathy With Japan.

We have not yet found a man in Richmond, no matter what his station in life, whose sympathies are not thoroughly with Japan in the war which she is now carrying on with Russia.

There are several reasons why the people of the South should sympathize with Japan. First of all, Japan is the weaker nation and is battling for her rights, upon which Russia has been trespassing for a long time. It is easy to see why southern people should sympathize with a small and plucky nation so situated. Moreover, Japan stands for progress and enlightenment, and has made wondrous steps in these directions during the past fifty years. She stands also for liberty and free speech and the open door. She welcomes any foreigner who can aid her in development and progress, and she has thrown open her gates to traders and scientists and promoters and Christian missionaries. She is one of the most liberal nations on the face of the globe.

On the other hand, Russia is narrow-minded and bigoted and ambitious and unscrupulous. The czar is a law unto himself, and his doctrine is intolerance of any man or measure that antagonizes his will. There is no such thing in Russia as individual liberty according to our interpretation of that phrase. There is no such thing as free speech; no such thing as a free press; but all men and all newspapers must make their opinions harmonize with the imperial opinion, or be called to account and probably banished to Siberia. In short, the Russian idea of government is the direct antithesis of the Japanese idea and the American idea.

Apart from all this, southerners have an account of their own with Russia, for

It is the common belief, whether true or not, that it was through the instrumentality of Russia more than of any other foreign power that the Confederacy was not recognized during the war between the States.

In view of all these facts, it is not surprising that southerners are glad to hear of the successes of the Japs, and if they finally bring the Russian bear to terms, there will be general rejoicing among the southern people.

Riggs's Dilemma.

Brigadier-General Lawson Riggs, of the Maryland militia, finds himself in contempt of the Governor and Legislature of that State.

Those eminent civil authorities issued passes to themselves and their subordinates and to some other persons to visit the ruins in the burned district of Baltimore; but Riggs having command there, refused to recognize the passes.

It never occurred to him, or if it did, it did not weigh with him at all, that the Governor is the commander-in-chief of the military forces of the State, and probably had a right to give such an order or authorization as he did.

Proceedings have been taken in both houses of the Legislature looking to an arraignment of General Riggs for his discourtesy, not to any contempt, in the matter.

Whether General Riggs "lost his head," as the saying is, in the excitement of the moment, or was actuated by a deliberate and well conceived purpose not to allow any one to enter the burned district, we are not informed. We are inclined to believe, however, that the general acted from prudential reasons, fearing that if visitors were allowed to go into the forbidden district there might be loss of life from falling walls, or that unworthy persons, availing themselves of the opportunity, would sneak in with the official visitors and find opportunities to appropriate property not their own.

The record made in Baltimore shows the smallest percentage of looting and rioting ever known to accompany a great fire. No doubt, General Riggs's rigid rules contributed to this result. We trust he may safely escape the rage of "the big wigs" of the State capital.

Baltimore has applied to the Legislature for authority to borrow, temporarily, such sum or sums of money, not exceeding in the aggregate \$2,000,000, as may be necessary to meet the emergency created by the fire of the 7th and 8th instants.

It is now asserted that the fire did not result from an explosion of gasoline, but of gas. Often than the average person supposes gas escapes and fills the room where the leak appears. The gas inspectors of Richmond have some experience in this direction. Often and over have they been in danger when they visited cellars to inspect meters.

The Hearst building, where the Baltimore fire appeared, was supplied with gas lights of a "non-extinguishable" character. They were simply dimmed to the minutest degree. It is suggested that the pressure became more than normally low and that the lights went out. "When the pressure increased again the gas escaped, filled the building and was eventually ignited by the furnace."

It appears that the loss of the Johns Hopkins Hospital will hardly be as much as \$1,000,000, as heretofore reported, but that it will be very great is certain. Out of about ninety buildings belonging to the Hopkins estate six-four were destroyed. It is impossible to get an estimate of their value. The lots and improvements thereon are estimated at \$1,200,000. The superintendent of the hospital guesses that it will require \$800,000 to restore the buildings.

All the property was insured, but whether the policies exist is uncertain. They were locked up in a vault which was destroyed. We are told that the greatest effect this financial loss will have upon the work of the hospital will be to curtail the work of its free ward.

The Baltimore fire ought to make Farnville look after her horse and fire apparatus in general—Farnville Herald. The sparks will hardly fly that far, and, if they should, Farnville should not forget that a lively fire a few years ago was one of the best investments Farnville ever made.

Colonel Watterson and Colonel Bryan have not met yet, and if their friends can help it, they will not meet at any early date. So the war correspondents need not rush to the front.

The members of the Legislature made such a brilliant success in killing Mr. Gravelly's surplus dog law they might now try their hands on some of the surplus dogs.

Admiral Togo is the man who did up the Russians the other day and it would seem that he knew just when to go.

If this winter decides to linger in the lap of spring, then spring will have a pretty heavy turn to carry.

Drawn down to the last analysis, Russia and Japan are fighting for stealage privileges. That's all.

There were eighteen national banks in Baltimore. Twelve were burned out in the big fire.

The little yellow men behind the guns have learned a lot of American tricks, it would seem.

A note of sympathy from Admiral Cervera to Admiral Alexieff would seem to be in order.

In reply to a correspondent: Hon. Mark Hanna is sixty-eight and a half years old.

Russia. It must be said, held out to the last for peace—the Manchurian piece of China.

Poor Korea will wear herself out dodging the shells of both sides in this rum-pus.

The Mikado's last reply to the czar's reply was very striking.

Mating day for the birds comes on Sunday this year.

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THE SPEAKER TAKES IT

Under His Direction the House Passes 320 Pension Bills in 155 Minutes, a New Record.

SHOWED HIS DISPLEASURE

When Mr. Finley, of South Carolina, Objected to Passage of Bills "En Bloc."

(By Associated Press.)

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 12.—Speaker Cannon today took the bit in his teeth and ran completely away with sanctimony, legislative precedent in the House. Incidentally, he broke all previous records in the dispatch of private pension bills. Under his guidance 320 of these measures of relief received the favorable consideration of the Committee of the Whole, and were passed by the House in the short space of 155 minutes. Nearly the whole of this time, however, was consumed in Committee of the Whole.

The House passed the bills "en bloc" under unanimous consent, which the Speaker himself asked for. About half of the bills were disposed of under this request—those without amendment. When objection was temporarily made, the Speaker plainly showed his displeasure by dragging the proceedings. The objection was withdrawn, when the remaining bills were declared passed without even the formality of having the clerk read their numbers.

Mr. Finley (South Carolina) was the objector. He made the statement that he did not consider this mode of procedure proper for a legislative body. The objection is perfectly of the order of procedure could only be done by unanimous consent, and the chair has been very careful to fully inform the House, and it is quite within the power of any member to object.

Then, with the note of disappointment in his voice, he concluded: "Objection is made. The clerk will report the first bill."

"The first bill contained an amendment and when the clerk announced that fact, the Speaker inquired facetiously: 'Does the gentleman from South Carolina desire to hear the amendment read?'"

"Oh no," replied Mr. Finley. "Well," continued the Speaker, "the gentleman does not know what the nature of the amendment is. Neither does the chair."

He then insisted on the reading of the entire amendment, and when this was done, his amendment of the third clause of the bill was read. It was not noticeably so. In the meantime, Chairman Ludenslager, of the Pension Committee, and several of Mr. Finley's Democratic colleagues, went to his seat to remonstrate with him.

Then, with a fresh request for unanimous consent was made, no objection was offered.

Mr. Grosvenor (Ohio) made what he declared with some heat was his last attempt to put a day set for the consideration of the bill creating a joint committee to consider the question of ship subsidy. His request was that this measure be made a special order for February 20th. After several objections had been made and when Mr. Hardwick (Georgia) objected because Mr. Bartlett, his colleague, had objected when the request was made previously and was not in his seat at the time.

The House adjourned until Monday.

In the Senate.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 12.—The Senate today listened to the reading by Mr. Carmack of a speech by Mr. Morgan in opposition to the President's policy with reference to an isthmian canal, and also considered the bill appropriating \$200,000 to ex-Queen Liloualuan, Hawaiian queen.

Spoken in support of the bill were made by Mr. Blackburn and Mr. Mitchell, and in opposition by Mr. Spooner and Mr. Platt, of Connecticut. Mr. Spooner moved to reconsider the measure, but the vote on this motion failed to develop a quorum, and the Senate was clerk forced to adjourn.

Mr. Morgan said his throat was in such condition as to make it impossible for him to deliver his speech. The speech was an arraignment of the policy of the President in connection with the isthmian canal project, the Senate asserting that the Chief Executive has been for the past two years engaged in planning the evasion of the Spooner law.

SLAVS TO QUARRY SLATE.

A Car Load of Polish Immigrants Arrive at Arvonja.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

ARVONJA, VA., Feb. 12.—Quite a stir was created in Arvonja to-day by the arrival of a car of Polish immigrants, direct from New York, to be employed in the Wilson quarry. On reaching the depot they were met by the clerk, Mr. Alvin Evans, who escorted them to the office of Mr. Evan R. Williams, where a contract was signed and names assigned.

Only a few of the number can speak English, and those act as spokesmen for the party. Two women accompanied the men.

The Poles are stout and strong, and appear to be kind, frank and frugal. This is just the element we need to push forward the industries of the slate quarries. Wagons have been kept busy to-day delivering trunks, luggage, stoves and provisions.

Soon the smoke will be seen curling from the chimneys of a Polish settlement in Arvonja.

Opening Postponed.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

GREENSBORO, N. C., Feb. 12.—President Melver this evening issued notice to all students that the opening of Normal and Industrial College had been postponed until February 23d.

Baltimore Relief Fund.

Previously acknowledged \$730.00

A Confederate Woman..... 5.00

Total..... \$735.00

YARBOROUGH WAS AFIRE

Big Hotel Had Narrow Escape 'Because of Defective Electric Wiring on Third Floor.

FISHING POND CHARTERED

Another Proposition to be Made to Governor Aycock to Lease Railroad.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

RALIEGH, N. C., Feb. 12.—A disconnected electric wire on the third floor of the YARBOROUGH Hotel ignited the window facing this morning and a big fire was narrowly averted. It was extinguished before it spread out of the room in which it started. The work of remodeling the YARBOROUGH is making good headway now, the painters and decorators being now at work on the interior. Thirty thousand dollars is being spent on the improvements, so that it will be practically a new hotel.

Captain V. E. McBee, formerly of the Seaboard Air Line, but now with the Southern, in South Carolina, here, is endeavoring for the purpose of submitting to Governor Aycock a proposition to lease the Atlantic and North Carolina Railroad from the State. It is understood that the proposition will be for a term of five years, and on a scaled percentage ranging from 1-1/2 per cent for the first year to as high as 5 or 6 per cent, toward the latter part of the term.

STOLEN BOND CASE. The hearing of the bench warrant against Colonel J. C. L. Harris, for his connection as attorney with the noted Godfrey stolen State bond case from Jonesboro, has been postponed until the February term of the Wake County Superior Court. Harris, formerly of the C. C. Jones or H. P. Dorch, Jr., is now in the State Prison, both being out of the State.

The Southern Veneer Company, of Wilmington, Martin county, was chartered this morning with \$100,000 capital. The incorporators being N. S. Peel, Arthur S. Terry and Clarence R. White. A charter was issued to the Concord Wholesale Grocery Company, of Concord, capital \$100,000, the incorporators being W. C. Houston, H. L. Parks, Hugh Parks and others.

NEL CONERN. A novel concern chartered was the Dixie Fishing Pond Company, capital \$500. The pond is to be at Lucama, and the principal incorporators are Wiley Mercer, A. T. Barnes, Louisa Lamm and fifteen others.

The Rotary Machine Company, of Delaware, took out domestication papers this morning, the principal place of business in this State to be at Forest City. The capital is \$50,000, of which J. W. K. Moore, of Clover, Va., and T. W. Kendrick.

In the old bankruptcy case of Hoyt and Mitchell, from Washington, N. C., Judge Purnell has issued a drastic ruling, in which he asserts that there has been bad management in the management of the estate by the trustee, who he orders to refund to the depository \$900, which he has paid out without authority of law. Angus D. McLean is the trustee.

THE PROPOSED STRIKE.

Few Have Gone Out—Circular by Railroad to Its Employees.

(By Associated Press.)

WILMINGTON, N. C., Feb. 12.—There were no developments to-day in the matter of the strike by Atlantic Coast Line maintenance of way employees. President J. T. Wilson, of the International Brotherhood of Railway Employees, arrived to-night from St. Louis, but said he could give out nothing for publication.

In a circular mailed to-day to the heads of all departments of the maintenance of way service, Fourth Vice-President and General Manager John R. Konrad, of the Atlantic Coast Line, expressed regret that any employees have seen fit to suspend work, and says that inasmuch as their wages were substantially advanced January 1, 1903, and as the company is now paying as good wages for that class of service as are paid by other railroad companies operating in the section of the South, he is at a loss to understand why the order was issued by the international president.

Striking employees are instructed that if they have not returned to their accustomed work on the morning of February 16th they will be regarded as having voluntarily left the service, and are directed to vacate the houses and living cars occupied by them and turn over all company property in their possession, to their respective roadmasters.

The total number of employees in the maintenance of way department is said to be about 2,000, and that only a small percentage of them have quit work. There is no appreciable irregularity of traffic by reason of the strike.

MEN THROWN HIGH

IN AIR WITH CAR

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

SALISBURY, N. C., Feb. 12.—While unloading coal from a car on top of a coal chute about fifty feet high at Spencer this afternoon, Walter Stokes and George Hayes, colored, were knocked off, together with a box car. The men were thrown into the air and fell to the ground, sustaining injuries from which both are expected to die.

The car was accidentally run into by a shifting engine.

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For Cooling and Cleansing the Blood and promoting digestion, assimilation, and elimination, are the foundation cure in severe cases of torturing, disfiguring humors of the skin.

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Hence it is that Royal Baking Powder produces food remarkable both in fine flavor and wholesomeness.

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Social and Personal

The Richmond Cotton Club closed its very successful season with a handsome german in the Masonic Temple last evening.

The club represents the younger element of Richmond society, and the dances given before and since Christmas have all been well attended and most popular. Officers of the club are Mr. Henry Hotchkiss, president; Mr. George D. Morgan, secretary and treasurer; Mr. Philip R. Carlton, Mr. William R. Turner, Mr. Carl M. Goodloe, Mr. C. Irving Blair and Mr. Henry P. Adair.

The list of chaperones includes Mr. and Mrs. Adolphus Blair, Mr. and Mrs. George W. Stevens, Mr. and Mrs. W. Jones, Mr. and Mrs. Richard T. Wilson, Mr. and Mrs. Meade T. Spicer, Mr. and Mrs. Burton Ford, Mr. and Mrs. Stuart Cooke, Mr. and Mrs. Philip R. Powors, Mr. and Mrs. Stuart M. Woodward, Mr. and Mrs. James T. Rutherford, Mr. and Mrs. Edmund Benson, Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Adams.

Those present last evening were: Mr. and Mrs. Richard T. Wilson, Miss Nellie Talbott, of Waynesboro; Mr. Nelson Robins; Miss Molly Bridges; Mr. Irving Blair; Mr. and Mrs. George W. Stevens; Miss Selden, of "Snowden"; Mr. Cecil Stevens; Miss Margaret Williams; Mr. Lane Lacy; Miss Nellie Gordon; Mr. James Dunlap; Mr. and Mrs. James T. Rutherford; Mr. and Mrs. Stuart Cooke; Miss Constance Trilton; Mr. Conrad Hutchison; Miss Nina Whitmore, of Petersburg; Mr. Paul Stevens; Mr. and Mrs. Mead T. Spicer; Miss Rose Morris; Mr. Joseph Leonard; Miss Louise Herbert; Mr. Cabell Fitzgerald; Miss Bessie Watson, of Danville; Mr. Charles Bowen; Mr. Lewis Grant; Miss Lucy Skelton; Mr. Travers Eppes.

In Miss O'Ferrall's Honor.

The Newport News Times-Herald, in referring to a card party given this week by Miss Margaret Groome, of that city, to Miss Helen O'Ferrall, of Richmond, says:

One of the most brilliant as well as delightful social events of the winter season was the six-hand euchre party given Tuesday evening by Miss Margaret Groome in honor of her guest, Miss Helen O'Ferrall, of Richmond. The Groome residence, No. 500 Huntington Avenue, was beautifully decorated for the occasion, the color scheme being red and green, greatly elaborated with streamers of Southern silk, hanging from softly red shaded chandeliers, and vases of red carnations, which gave a glow and an added attractiveness to the other decorations.

Punch was dispensed throughout the evening, and at the end of the game delightful refreshments were served.

Lecture This Afternoon.

Mr. John Jackson, who is to lecture at the Woman's Club this afternoon, has made a delightful impression since his arrival in Richmond.

He is a charming talker, and has the most vivid impressions of his travels in India, which he presents in a graphic and highly interesting manner. Every thing that relates to the Orient is fascinating, and India, with its splendid cities, its ruined temples and fane, its mingling of old and new civilization, its English viceroy and its native princes, makes a powerful appeal through sympathy and imagination.

The lecturer will dispense with his stereotyped views on this occasion, but his forceful style as a speaker will create for his audience all the Indian pictures they can ask for, and they will feel that nothing more will be needed or desired.

Mrs. Bosher's New Book.

The Norfolk Virginian-Pilot says in regard to Mrs. Charles Bosher's recently published book:

"When Love is Love" is the very attractive title of a recently published book from the pen of Mrs. Charles G. Bosher, of Richmond. Mrs. Bosher was formerly Miss Kate Langley, of this city, and the announcement that the author of "Bobbie" has written another book will be read by her many friends and admirers in this vicinity with the greatest pleasure and interest. Mrs. Bosher is a prominent member of several clubs, and very popular in social circles in Virginia's capital, and all who know her feel that the success of her latest work of fiction is assured.

The theme of Mrs. Bosher's book is handled with great delicacy—in fact, refinement of thought and style is characteristic of the narrative from beginning to end. The tone of action is well varied from grave to gay, and the interweaving of the several threads of romance is skillful. The most striking character in the book is the eldest of the four girls, who, in truth, "A perfect woman nobly planned. To warn, to comfort, and command."

Rosemary Library.

This most valuable institution is greatly in need of funds, and Dr. Callahan will most kindly give his lecture on "The Wandering Jew" for the benefit of the library on Thursday next, February 18th, in the auditorium of the Woman's Club, No. 211 East Franklin Street, at 8:30 P. M.

The managers of the Rosemary Library hope to see the room filled that evening.

Personal Mention.

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Mrs. A. Dominick left Monday for Columbus, O., to attend the bedside of her daughter, Mrs. Ruby Thompson, who is critically ill with typhoid fever.

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WHAT CAUSES DANDRUFF.

Greatest European Authority on Skin Diseases. Says it's a Germ.

The old idea that dandruff is scales of skin thrown off, through a feverish condition of the scalp is exploded. Prof. Unna, Hamburg, Germany, says dandruff is a germ disease. The germ burrows under the scalp, throwing up little scales of cuticle, and sapping the vitality of the hair at the root. The only hair preparation that kills dandruff germs in New York is Herpicide. "Destroy the cause, you remove the effect." Not only cures dandruff, but stops falling hair and permits a luxuriant growth. Delightful hair dressing. Sold by leading druggists. Send 10c. in stamps for sample to The Herpicide Co., Detroit, Mich. Owens & Minor Drug Co., Special Agents.

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